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THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER FROM USLO CHIEF BUSH TO CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN, TO WHICH CHINESE HAVE AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE":

QTE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND THE AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 18, 1974, RELATING TO THE HOLDING IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE 'EXHIBITION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.'

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOLDING OF THE EXHIBITION ADDITIONALLY AT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT:

1. THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE PREAMBLE OF THE LETTER OF YU CHAN, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS: 'I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT, WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS AGREEABLE TO THE HOLDING OF THIS EXHIBITION AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AT THE NELSON GALLERY-ATKINS MUSEUM

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OF ART IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AT THE NELSON GALLERY-ATKINS MUSEUM

IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND AT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM IN SAN FRANCISCO
O,
CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER 8, 1974, TO AUGUST 28, 1975.

2. IN POINT 5 OF THE LETTER, 'SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA' SHALL BE
SUBSTITUTED FOR 'KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.'

3. POINT 6 OF THE LETTER SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS: 'THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF
TRANSPORTATION OF THE OBJECTS FROM TORONTO TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM
WASHINGTON, D.C., TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, FROM KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND FROM SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA, TO PEKING. THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED
BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE.'

THE UNITED STATES BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING THE EXHIBITION IN SAN
FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
IS STILL THE UNITED STATES COMMITTEE FOR THE EXHIBITION OF
ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF THE NATIONAL
GALLERY OF ART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE OCTOBER 28, 1974
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE UNITED STATES AND CHINESE BODIES
ON THE HOLDING OF THE SAID EXHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES SHALL
COVER THE HOLDING OF THE EXHIBITION IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD KINDLY CONFIRM THE ABOVE POINTS IN A LETTER
OF REPLY, THIS LETTER AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.
BUSH

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